

## NEWS FROM RICHMOND AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA.

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NEWS AND GOSSIPTurkish Minister Sues United  
States Government.

## FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

Is Asked as Damages For an Indignity Put Upon a Countryman—  
Court-Martin's Sentence of Colored Soldiers—Woodmen of the World Honor Norfolk Men—Died in Kansas.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., February 16.—Governor Tyler to-day received from the State Department at Washington notification that the Turkish Minister has instituted suit against the United States Government for ten thousand dollars for damages done to a Turkish subject, Serkis Nihanian, at Waterlick station, Warren county.

Secretary Hay encloses to Governor Tyler a note from the Turkish Minister, briefly setting forth the facts. It is charged that four citizens of Warren arrested the Turk upon a false warrant, beating and handcuffing him, though he had committed no offense whatever.

The Secretary of State requests that Governor Tyler will cause a full investigation to be made at once and advise the Department of the result. Governor Tyler forwarded the letter to Commonwealth's Attorney Jackson, of Warren, requesting him to investigate the matter fully.

The complaint to the Turkish Minister is made by Orhan Cihay, Consul of Waterlick Station, who charges that the parties who assaulted Lerks attempted to execute a false warrant for his own arrest. He further states that "we have employed Judge Giles Cook and Hon. D. C. O'Flaherty, of Front Royal, to prosecute a claim of \$10,000 against the United States Government."

## COLORED SOLDIERS' SENTENCE.

Governor Tyler has received from the War Department announcement of the result of the court-martial which tried certain members of the Sixth Virginia (colored) for riotous conduct while at Mason, Private John Banks, Company H; William Tallaferra, Company D; and Private Thaddeus Norris are acquitted. The finding in the case of Private John Goodwyn is approved. He was sentenced to confinement at hard labor under the regimental guard for one month, and to receive no pay for that period. The regiment was mustered out several weeks ago.

## A PARDON GRANTED.

Governor Tyler has granted a pardon to Henry Horsley, serving a six-months' term in Charlottesville for assault. Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Woods presented the petition.

## WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

The head convention of Woodmen of the World was held at New Forest today, and a head camp for I. District, embracing Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia and Delaware was organized. The following officers were chosen:

Noble Past Head Council Commander—J. H. Hardy, of Norfolk.  
Sovereign Head Commander—A. C. Fine, of Norfolk.

Head Advisory Lieutenant—John B. Allen, of Richmond.  
Head Banker—John S. Morris, of Richmond.

Head Clerk—James W. Gentry, of Richmond.  
Head Escort—E. B. Lewis, of Kingston, N. C.

Head Watchman—Labor Commissioner A. P. Montague.  
Head Sentry—W. R. Garlick, of Richmond.

Head Managers—W. T. Atkinson, Richmond; C. G. Johnson, Kingston, N. C.; Isaac Held, Richmond; J. L. Baker, Kingston, N. C.

Delegate to Grand Camp Convention at Memphis—E. B. Lewis, Kingston, N. C.

B. Y. P. U. MEETING LATER.  
The Young People's Union, which was to have been held at Charlottesville Tuesday and Wednesday, has been postponed to March 13th and 14th. The postponement is due to the weather, there being something approaching a coal and water famine in Charlottesville.

FEARS OF A FRESHET.  
There is great fear of a freshet here, the result of the heavy rainfall on the deep snow. It is raining to-day in nearly every county in Virginia. Merchants on the water front are getting their goods to high ground. Steamship companies are clearing their wharves as rapidly as possible.

FELL UNDER A TRAIN.  
Mr. Herman F. Thacker, operator for the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad at Bolton, met with a bad accident at Elba Station, near Bolton, to-day, which will probably cause the loss of a foot. Mr. Thacker attempted to board a northbound passenger train at the point mentioned about 11 o'clock. The train was moving slowly, but he slipped on the ice and fell a bank of snow by the side of the track, throwing him toward the train. He struggled desperately to keep out of the way, but one foot got under the wheels and was severely mashed. Dr. J. M. Winfree was quickly summoned and in a few minutes the ambulance arrived in charge of Dr. A. G. Brown, Jr. The injured man was taken to the Retreat for the Sick and received every attention.

A TRAIN DERAILLED.  
The eastbound passenger train on the James River Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway was derailed below Stapleton, eighteen miles east of Lynchburg, yesterday afternoon. All three cars left the track, but did not roll down the bank. The engine stayed on the rails. Several passengers were more or less hurt. None were seriously injured. Spreading rails caused the accident. A special train was made up at Scottsville and got the passengers here at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

MILITARY NOTES.  
Captain J. E. B. Stuart, of the commissary department of the United

States Volunteer Army, has been ordered mustered out on the 7th of April. He was a clerk at the Merchants' National Bank prior to his appointment in the army and will resume his former duties.

Lieutenant Harry C. Cabell, of Virginia, has been promoted from first lieutenant of the Fourteenth United States Infantry to captain in the Third Infantry, date of rank to be from July 10th, 1898. He is a brother of Hon. J. Alston Cabell and is at present at Manila.

Rev. Dr. J. S. Dill, pastor of the Venable Street Baptist church of this city, will be called to and will accept the pastorate of the Fredericksburg Baptist Church, from which Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunaway resigned.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.  
The United States Circuit Court of Appeals reconvened this morning at 10 o'clock, with Judges Goff, Morris and Brawley presiding.

No. 289. Mrs. Clemmie James, administratrix of W. A. James, et al., appellants, vs. Central Trust Company of New York, and Southern Railway Company, appellees. Appeal from Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, at Charlotte. Argued by Judge A. C. Avery, of Morganton, N. C., for appellant, and by Charles Price, general counsel Southern Railway Company, of Salisbury, N. C., for appellees, and submitted.

DIED IN KANSAS CITY.  
Mr. Charles Harwood, of this city, to-day received a telegram announcing the death in Kansas City, Mo., to-day of Mrs. William A. Wilson, after an illness of four days.

The news came in the nature of a shock, as it was not known here that Mrs. Wilson was seriously ill. No further particulars were received and no information was given as to the funeral arrangements, but it is presumed the remains will be interred in Kansas City.

Mrs. Wilson was Mrs. Robert H. Whitlock, of this city, and was well known here, where she had a number of distant relatives and a large number of friends. She married Mr. Wilson a year or so ago, and moved to Kansas City to live. Most of her near relatives reside in New York.

Superintendent Fox, of the Public Schools, after careful consideration for the interests of all concerned, has decided to close the public schools of the city until next Monday.

## PETERSBURG

Cupid Adds Two More Victories to His List.

An Old Citizen Prostrated by Paralysis—The Hand of Death—A Helpful Rain—Tobacco Crop Not More Than Half Sold.

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 16.—Mr. Cabell C. Cashion and Miss Grace Ruth Smith were married to-night at 9 o'clock at the residence of the father of the bride, No. 10 South street. Miss Alice Cashion, sister of the groom, was maid of honor and Mr. George H. Brockwell acted as best man. Miss Alice Browder, cousin of the bride, was the bridesmaid, and Mr. John Saunders usher. The marriage ceremony was followed by a brilliant reception. The groom is one of Petersburg's most popular young men and is the local and traveling salesman for Messrs. Plummer & Wheeler, hardware merchants of this city. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. John R. W. Smith, a member of the City Council from the Fifth Ward, and a most attractive young lady.

Miss Minnie J. Jones and Mr. J. R. Jones left for Washington yesterday morning on the 10:25 train to be married. This was not an elopement. Miss Jones is a most attractive young lady and a great favorite with all who know her. She has been in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company as operator for more than five years. The groom is a popular young merchant of this city.

AN OLD CITIZEN PARALYZED.  
Captain Thomas Pannill, one of our best known citizens and for many years famed as an auctioneer, was partially paralyzed to-day. He was downtown during the morning attending to business as usual, and was stricken while in his business. Friends immediately went to his assistance and carried him home, where medical attendance was summoned. One side of his body, from the hip down, is affected, and hopes are entertained that he will recover. Captain Pannill is upwards of 65 years of age and has a number of children, four of whom live in Norfolk.

THE HAND OF DEATH.  
Mr. David Andrews, aged 76 years, a veteran of the war of 1861-'65, died at his home, near Ellerslie, in Chesterfield county, Tuesday. He served gallantly throughout the war in the Confederate army. Mr. Andrews leaves a widow and seven children—three sons and four daughters.

The sad duty of burying the dead has in some instances been interfered with by the snow, several funerals having been postponed. Underneath the snow in Blandford Cemetery the ground has been found so hard frozen to a depth of twelve inches or more that axes had to be used in cutting through.

A HELPFUL RAIN.  
The railroad companies are gradually getting their tracks in order, and in a day or two it is thought the trains will be running regularly, at least south and west from Petersburg. The Norfolk and Western was in running order Wednesday.

Our streets are still heavily blocked with snow, though the sidewalks were promptly cleared. It has been found impossible to find a sufficient force of laborers to work in cleaning the streets. The rain melted and carried away large quantities of snow, but there remains much to be removed.

THE TOBACCO CROP.  
It was learned from a prominent tobaccoist of this city that not more than half of the tobacco crop in the counties contiguous to Petersburg has been brought here to be sold. It will be some time before any tobacco can be brought here from the county on account of the snow blockade.

The Petersburg Hosiery factory resumed work this morning with sixty hands.

The Appomattox Iron Works also started up this morning.

BREVITIES.  
A fine setter dog, belonging to Mr. J. Knox Pannill, which developed symptoms of violent hydrophobia, had to be killed by the police to-day. The animal was, fortunately, chained and had no chance to bite any one.

It is understood that Mr. John J. Cooke, who for some years has so ably served as Commonwealth's Attorney of Prince George county, will have opposition at the May election, a well-known young lawyer of the county having announced himself a candidate for that position.

Percey Lander, the little boy who was so badly injured yesterday by being struck by a locomotive on the trestle bridge of the Richmond and Petersburg railroad, spent a very restless night last night, but to-day is much more comfortable.

Mrs. Emma V. Hand, a widely known lady, is extremely ill at the residence of her sister, Mrs. R. T. Stone.

Mr. William R. H. McEwen, a well-known tailor of this city, has arrived in New York from Scotland, where he has been on a visit to his mother for the first time in twenty-five years. He is expected here in a day or two.

## TOWN OF SUFFOLK

Knitting Mill Plant Destroyed by Fire.

A Magnificent Plant Reduced to Ruins—Loss Forty Thousand Dollars—Sixteen Thousand Dollars Insurance—Bicycle Thief Arrested.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Suffolk, Va., Feb. 16.—The Suffolk Knitting Mill, one of the largest hosiery plants in the South, is now a mass of ashes, twisted, burned machinery and charred ruin. A big, lurid light in the eastern sky at dawn this evening told of the plant's going. It also told another story. All the employees—and there are many—are thrown out of employment at a very critical season of the winter to those whose food and fuel are dependent on their daily toil. It also told of a big financial loss to two of the most energetic and go-ahead young business men in town.

STORY OF THE BLAZE.  
The fire's origin is not positively known. It is generally thought the blaze sprang in the boiler room, and gained a headway that was futile to fight, before its presence was known. A distress whistle from the electric light plant about 6 o'clock was a notice of fire, and the alarm was rung in from the nearest box. The knitting mill is several hundred yards beyond the fire district, and the department men could do nothing but watch the work of destruction, without the power to stay it. The mill burned fast. The big roofs caved in with fierce crashes, and meteoric displays of fireworks went heavenward along with the clouds of black smoke.

The big iron safe kept its contents intact and free from harm. That was about all saved. All the buildings, machinery and stock were burned. There was a large stock on hand—raw and finished products. Several cases of goods were nearly ready for shipment.

FORTY THOUSAND LOSS.  
The total loss can be conservatively stated at \$40,000. An inventory taken over a year ago, footed \$39,000. The last twelve months was a very prosperous period, during which time marked improvements and building additions were made. The plant covered more than an acre of land.

There was just \$16,000 insurance—\$10,000 with Harper & West's and \$6,000 with Woodward & Elam's agency. There are the companies which carried the risk: New York Underwriters, \$1,000; Liverpool, London and Globe, \$1,000; Scottish Union, \$1,000; Lancashire, \$1,000; Hartford, \$1,000; Commercial Union, \$2,000; New York Home, \$2,000; Aetna, \$1,000; St. Paul, Fire and Marine, \$1,000; Greenwich, \$1,000; Glens Falls, \$1,000; Hanover, \$1,000.

The proprietors, Messrs. A. H. and W. E. Cobb, announce their intention of rebuilding, and they expect to begin the construction of a new plant very soon. The site has not been selected yet, but it will probably be nearer the town limits, where the fire protection is better. When work on the new plant is begun it will be pushed rapidly.

The proprietors are naturally depressed at having several years' labor and profits swept away in an hour, but they bear their reverse philosophically. Their friends believe them capable of building another and even larger plant.

BIKE THIEF IN JAIL.  
Hurricane Branch to-day brought up from Portsmouth a man who is thought to be a bad man. He is Leroy Smith, colored, who is charged with stealing a bicycle from D. M. Pitt, of Chukuck, last fall. A Portsmouth officer picked him up and notified Hurricane Branch. Smith will have a hearing before Justice C. F. Pinner, at Chukuck. The captured man is thought to be a close friend and partner of a man who is wanted for murder. The officers will try to get a clue from him.

NEWS IN PARAGRAPHIS.  
County Clerk Robert R. Smith has returned from Ragged Island. Despite the cold he got some game—105 ducks and a few geese.

Mr. D. Palmer, of Howard, N. C., to-day visited friends in Suffolk, where he used to be in business.

Sergeant Ames located a man who was roaming suspiciously about town to-day, and locked him up for examination. Mayor Brewer will do it to-morrow.

Reserved seats continue to go for the engagement of the Louise Brehany Concert and Opera Company next Monday.

King's Daughters, Ministering Circle No. 2, will have a meeting to-morrow afternoon, with Mrs. G. W. Trull, Bank and Main streets.

Mr. George Bowen is in receipt of a box of pure Havanna cigars. They came from his son, Sergeant Harry Bowen, Company E, Fourth Virginia.

The Court of Inquiry into the election contest got through with 5 deponents to-day.

Mr. Paul Taylor, manager of Faber's Suffolk Photograph Studio, will resign March 1st.

Two Schooners Sink in the James River.

Three Large Steamships For Morgan Line to Be Launched in March—Negro Soldiers Coming—High Water Feared—Brief Mention.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 16.—Great masses of ice floating about in the harbor, according to the flow of the tide, are playing havoc with shipping. As a result of the action of these floating icebergs, two schooners are resting on the bottom of James river below pier 8, and many more vessels of all classes have received injuries to a greater or less extent.

The schooners are the ill-fated three-master Passadena, aboard of which a murder was committed about ten days ago, and the three-master M. S. Jordan, which came here for a cargo of coal. The ice floating constantly against the bows of these vessels worked holes in them, and they took water. They are not entirely inundated, but are thoroughly water-logged.

BIG LAUNCHING NEXT MONTH.  
The Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company will launch three large steamships for the Morgan Line on or about March 15th.

The three ships are on the ways almost ready for launching, and it is estimated that they will be ready to go overboard about the middle of next month.

The big liners will aggregate in cost \$1,800,000, and each will have a displacement of 4,460 tons when completed. Each is a complete counterpart of the others. They will play between New York and New Orleans.

NEGRO SOLDIERS COMING.  
The Eighth Illinois and Twenty-third Kansas colored regiments of volunteer infantry are expected to arrive here from Cuba on Saturday of next week. How long the soldiers will remain here is not known. The two regiments which will bring the regiments have been ordered to Cuba and, as stated yesterday, the date of departure has been made February 29, next Monday.

The Eighth Illinois is the only negro regiment in the United States service that is commanded by negro officers. It was Uncle Sam's experience with this regiment that led to the decision to man all colored regiments with white officers.

The most serious aspect of the situation on the upper James is the danger of a freshet. The stream is now frozen nearly its entire length, and there are gorges at many points. A decided rise in temperature, causing the snow to melt rapidly, or a big rain would almost certainly mean a freshet such as has not been experienced in many years. With cold nights and moderate weather the snow may pass away without serious results.

BEUNAVENTURA HERE.  
Among the steamers which arrived in port yesterday was the Beunaventura, from Boston. This is the famous steamship that was captured from Spain during the late unpleasantness by the little gunboat Nashville, between the Cuban coast and Key West. The vessel has been here once before since the war.

It is of particular interest, owing to two facts. First, because she was the first capture of the war, and second, because she was taken by a warship that was built at this city.

BRIEF MENTION.  
The second annual banquet of the Business Men's Association of Newport News, which will be given at Hotel Warwick Monday night, promises to surpass its predecessor in every way. The committee of arrangements has been busily engaged for the past week perfecting the preliminaries and sending out invitations to prominent people in other cities.

Messrs. Ponely, Marye and Wilcox were busy yesterday taking depositions in Bloodfield in the Wise Young contest.

WILLIAMSBURG.  
STORM AFTERMATH—ALMOST OVERCOME BY THE COLD.

Williamsburg, Va., February 16.—The snow-plow was out on the streets again yesterday, and finished the work of opening up all the side streets to-day. Unless Mayor Mercer had not been thoughtful enough to face the blinding storm and have the plow put to work among our people would not have been able to get out to secure the necessities of life. Our streets present a novel appearance, with furrows of snow three feet in height piled up on either side, and in some places huge cones of snow, ten to twelve feet high. Sleights are out to-day.

The snow here was two and a half feet on a level. As far as heard from our farmers have lost none of their stock. There is yet no communication with the neighboring counties, except by horseback. The ice is piled up many feet in James and York rivers opposite here, every tide adding several feet to the already accumulated mass.

An old woman living on the Capital Landing road, a short distance from town, came here Tuesday for rations, and in going back was so benumbed by cold that she gave out, and would have frozen to death in the street but for the timely arrival of a colored man, who carried her home on his back, in an almost unconscious condition.

Sheriff M. R. Harrell and Mr. Arthur Denmead are at their farms, on James river, looking after their cattle. Mr. Harrell started from here for his farm Monday evening about 5 o'clock, accompanied by his driver. He was driving a pair of spirited horses to a new trap. When within a mile of his home, he encountered a deep snow-drift, from which the horses were unable to extricate the vehicle, and it was with great difficulty that he unhitched the horses and got them to the house. He arrived there in almost a frozen condition.

## THE OLD DOMINION

Brief Items of Interest Picked Up Here and There.

Mr. O. B. Farmer, of Jefferson, who has disposed of his drug business here with the view of engaging in business in New Mexico.

The Bank of Crewe, recently burned out, has secured new quarters and resumed business.

The people of Front Royal suffered a real famine during the storm and sacrificed fences and shade trees.

The body of Mr. Reuben Bowler, of Stafford county, was dug from a snow drift, where he froze to death, and buried Thursday.

Mr. Louis Allen, formerly of Richmond, now of Philadelphia, was married Wednesday to Miss Cora Lee Davis, of the first named city.

A gentleman of Richmond, who was threatened with a coal famine, purchased eight bushels of rocks painted black, from an enterprising vendor, who has since retired from business.

Miss Mangle Horne and Mr. A. T. Blauvelt were married in St. Patrick's Church, Richmond, Wednesday night.

Mrs. Fannie Sanderson, wife of Mr. George L. Sanderson, a prominent farmer of Amelia county, departed this life Tuesday.

In Amelia county farmers are depositing grain in many places on their respective farms for the birds.

G. M. Tucker, of Carroll county, has been bound over to the United States Court at Abingdon, to answer the charge of conducting an illicit distillery.

Mr. R. S. Brame has been selected as cashier of the new bank at Floyd Courthouse. He was until recently editor of the Floyd Press.

The safe of E. G. Mosely & Co., Danville, was opened a few nights since and robbed. The thieves, owing to the contents of the safe having been pretty well exhausted by pay-day, obtained but little cash.

A drunken woman of Danville, who applied to the Citizens' Relief Committee for help and was refused, has declared her purpose to bring suit against the committee.

Danville is moving for a cheaper gas rate.

The Democratic Executive Committee met on Saturday and decided to have a primary for Greensville county elections. The committee will meet again March 4, 1899, to formulate plans and fix upon the day that the primary should be held.

Rev. Dr. J. P. Hyde, of Winchester, chairman of the committee to nominate a place of meeting for the Baltimore Annual Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has nominated Washington, D. C., as the place of holding the next annual meeting of the conference in the place of Alexandria, Va., which had been selected, but changed owing to the existence of smallpox there.

Mrs. Nora Dunnington, wife of Police Officer Pleasant H. Dunnington, of Richmond, died Wednesday.

Mrs. Sumner Martin, relief of the late W. C. Martin, died last night at her home, near Fredericksburg, of pneumonia, aged 62 years.

Manchester is on the verge of a fuel famine.

Mr. Frank Pence, at one time a prominent merchant in Harrisonburg, died Friday last in Roanoke.

Prof. Frank Smith, of the University of Virginia, will be one of the speakers at the finals of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

The will of Major Jed Hotchkiss has been admitted to probate in the Hustings Court of Staunton. The decedent wrote the will with his own hand. It is clear and brief. He gives his widow, Mrs. Sara A. C. Hotchkiss, "all the property of any kind I may die possessed of, to use and dispose of as she may desire."

Mr. W. R. Carper, a well-known bootlegger, residing near Galia Water, had an operation performed upon one of his eyes Wednesday by Dr. Joseph A. White, of Richmond. A similar operation upon the other eye will be performed in a day or two.

Mr. F. M. Jones, aged 81 years, and long a resident of Tazewell, died Tuesday night, and was buried Wednesday from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Rev. S. T. Martin, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Dublin, left Saturday night for Clinton, S. C., in response to a telegram stating that his son, S. T. Martin, Jr., was very ill with pneumonia. Young Mr. Martin is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney and has taken a post-graduate course at the University of Virginia. He is at present professor of ancient languages in Clinton College.

Miss Barbara Fleming, daughter of Mr. Hendrick Fleming, who lives near Louisa, Page county, was badly injured yesterday by a porch roof falling upon her, the fall being caused by the weight of snow upon it. Her left collar bone was broken and the other was dislocated, and she was otherwise seriously wounded.

Charles W. McFall, formerly of Winston, N. C., who was a member of Company A, Second Virginia Regiment, of Woodstock, which was mustered out there in December, and who has been painting buggies for Saum & Co., since the muster out, was found frozen almost to death in Saum & Co.'s warehouse Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock. McFall went to the warehouse Tuesday night and lay down on the floor. The doctors think he will lose both feet and several fingers.

Be sure you are right, then go to New York Dental Rooms to have teeth extracted. No pain. Newest Discovery. N. Y. Dental Rooms ONLY, 324 Main street, corner Talbot. Ennes.

THE RED CROSS SOCIETY.  
(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)  
San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 16.—Acting on a dispatch received from Manila the California Red Cross Society has decided to continue the maintenance of its hospital station in that city as long as the California Volunteers remain in the Orient.

## LYNCHBURG

Record of a Year Without a Summer.

Commercial Travelers to Give a Banquet—Death of a Young Lady—Some Interesting Occurrences in the Year of 1815.

Lynchburg, Va., February 16.—On Saturday evening Lynchburg Council, Union of Commercial Travelers, will give a banquet at Hotel Carroll at about ten o'clock. The affair promises to be of a most delightful and enjoyable description.

Miss Lucy Downes died yesterday at the Lynchburg Orphan Asylum at the age of seventeen years. For several weeks prior to her death she had suffered with pulmonary troubles, and her condition had become so critical that all hope for her recovery was abandoned. She had been an inmate of the asylum ever since her infancy, and had won the affection and regard of all her companions and teachers.

YEAR WITHOUT A SUMMER.  
Mr. Martin O'Meara, the well known tailor of this city, in glancing over a diary of his uncle, the late James Dolan, discovered the following:

"The year 1816 has been called the year without a summer, for there was sharp frost in every month. The farmers used to refer to it as eighteen hundred and starve to death. January was mild, as was also February, with the exception of a few days. The greater part of March was cold and boisterous. April opened warm, but grew colder as it advanced, ending with snow and ice and winter cold. In May, ice formed half an inch thick, buds and flowers were frozen and corn killed. Frost, ice, and snow were common in June. Almost every green thing was killed and fruit was nearly all destroyed. Snow fell to the depth of three inches in New York and Massachusetts and ten inches in Maine. July was accompanied with frost and ice on the fifth. Ice was formed of the thickness of widow glass in New York, New England and Pennsylvania, and corn was nearly all destroyed in certain sections. In August, ice formed half an inch thick. A cold northern wind prevailed nearly all summer. Corn was so frozen that a great deal was cut down and dried for fodder. Very little ripened in New England, and scarcely any even in the Middle States. Farmers were obliged to pay \$4 and \$5 a bushel for corn of 1815 for seed for the next spring planting. The first two weeks of September were mild; the rest of the month was cold with frost and ice formed a quarter of an inch thick. October was more than usually cold, with frost and ice. November was cold, blustering, with snow enough for good sleighing. December was quite mild and comfortable."

LEXINGTON.

MAYOR McCORKLE PARALYZED—BLIZZARD WEATHER—THREATENED FLOODS.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Lexington, Va., February 16.—Mayor T. E. McCorkle was paralyzed to-day, but has partially recovered from the stroke. He was paralyzed in 1897, but had nearly recovered when the present stroke came on.

Blizzard weather again reigns here. At an early hour this morning a heavy sleet and snow-storm set in, which this afternoon turned to rain and froze as fast as it fell.

There are great apprehensions of a flood on North and James rivers if the ice is broken by the rain.

Valley trains failed to run this morning for want of a supply of coal.

ROANOKE.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 16.—The Norfolk and Western, after a snow blockade of three days, is now able to resume traffic on all its branches. Seventeen inches of level snow, besides drifts, had to be removed from the Shenandoah Valley Branch, from Shenandoah to Hagerstown. Passengers going through Washington on Monday were taken to Luray, where they were blocked. To-day they were brought back to Bastle City and sent onward by Charlottesville, after a delay of forty-eight hours.

Farm wagons are unable to get into the city, and the railroad block has caused all kinds of produce and firewood to treble in price.

RICHEST NEGROES IN THE UNITED STATES.  
(From the Houston Post.)

The following is a list of some of the richest negroes in the United States:

Dr. James N. Gloucester, Bklyn., \$200,000  
J. M. Herbert, Trenton, N. J., 100,000  
G. W. Watson, Camden, N. J., 75,000  
Joseph Thomas, Baltimore, 80,000  
W. H. Lee, Washington, 50,000  
Samuel Harris, Williamsburg, 80,000  
William Lyons, Richmond, Va., 50,000  
William Gray, Alexandria, Va., 75,000  
Nora Foster, Augusta, Ga., 100,000  
Henry Todd, Darien, Ga., 125,000